

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 4, 2018

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to recommend Judge Andrew Guilford to you to fill the vacancy created on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit after the unfortunate passing of Judge Stephen Reinhardt in March 2018.

Judge Guilford was first appointed to the bench by President George W. Bush in 2006. The Senate confirmed Judge Guilford unanimously, by a vote of 93-0. In his time on the bench, Judge Guilford has shown himself to be a highly-respected jurist in the Central District of California. Prior to his service on the federal bench, he spent more than 30 years in private practice as a trial lawyer with the law firm Sheppard Mullin. He has also been active in local and state bar associations. He graduated *summa cum laude* from UCLA in 1972, and received his J.D. from UCLA Law School, after which he clerked for Justice Buster W. Worth on the California Court of Appeal. Judge Guilford has received awards from the Orange County Bar Association, the Judicial Council of California, the Orange County Intellectual Property Law Association, and others.

As you are aware, Senator Feinstein's and Senator Harris's respective Judicial Selection Committees interviewed all of the candidates that the White House had recommended, and additionally received applications from—and conducted interviews with—other interested applicants. Our Committees then consulted with attorneys and judges throughout the community to learn about each candidate's skills, demeanor, and experience. At the conclusion of this extensive process, both our Judicial Selection Committees recommended Judge Guilford as among their top three candidates. Senator Feinstein's Committee has found Judge Guilford to be "an intellect with a remarkable trial career" and a jurist with "an established reputation as an excellent federal trial judge." Senator Harris's Committee noted his deep litigation experience and extensive record of public service.

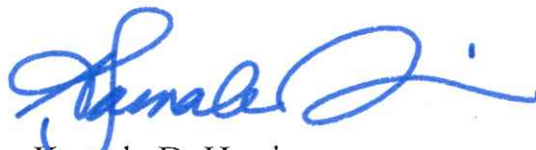
If any additional information would be helpful, or if you have questions regarding Judge Guilford, please do not hesitate to contact Senator Feinstein at 202.224.9650; Senator Harris at 202.224.3353; Senator Feinstein's Judiciary Committee Staff Director,

Jennifer Duck, at 202.224.7012; or Senator Harris's Chief of Staff, Nathan Barankin, at 202.224.2237. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator



Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senator

cc: Mr. Donald McGahn, White House Counsel